GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
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USE OF RTI ACT BY THE RURAL TRIBAL PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rural and the tribal people are not using the RTI Act much;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of measures taken/being taken by the Government to spread more awareness amongst the rural and tribal people in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS .(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) : The information is not centrally maintained.

(c) : The Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity had launched a compaign in 2006 for propagating awareness about the Right to Information Act. Further steps have also been taken up in the matter. The Department of Personnel & Training has issued a guide for information seekers by its O.M. No. 1/8/2007-IR dated 08.11.2007. All the State Governments have been requested to get the guidelines translated into the regional language(s) and give wide publicity to these guidelines. The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have been requested to involve the Non-Governmental Organisations working in the States to spread awareness about the Act. Organizations like the Centre for Good Governance (CGG), Hyderabad, Yashwant Rao Chavan Academy of Public Development (YASHADA), Pune and Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) etc. have undertaken awareness generation programmes in different states with the support of Government.